The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge NOT TO support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will DECREASE CHOICES for consumers like me.

Prices have continued to rise on cable when they had a monopoly and if satellite companies combine there will be very little competition resulting in status quo increases for television which used to be free.

The propaganda that DIRECTV and ECHOSTAR put forth is a way to solidify a future pricing structure and control over customers. Today DirecTV has to respond to customers because we can threaten to go to dishnetwork. Take that competition away and customer service will DIMINISH along with consumer power over these companies.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS MERGER TO GO THROUGH!

Sincerly, Brian J Telesh

Sincerely,

Brian Telesh 33 Torrey Pines Clifton Park, NY 12065